

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

1st March 2026

Gilpin Sunday / Second Sunday in Lent



Welcome to the church of St Michael & All Angels. Our aim is to be a friendly and inclusive church. We hope you enjoy our worship together.

After the service please join us for refreshments and a chat.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Genesis 12. 1 – 4a

Second: Romans 4. 1 - 5, 13 - 17

Gospel: John 3. 1 - 17 ; 17-1 :3 يوحنا



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'All my hope on God is founded' (584)

Gradual Hymn: 'For all the saints who showed your love' (297)

Hymn of Offering: 'In the day of our thanksgiving' (on sheet)

Communion Hymn: 'When I needed a neighbour' (575)

Closing Hymn: 'Rejoice in God's saints' (308)

Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (621)

Second Hymn: 'Forgive us when our deed ignore' (120)

Third Hymn: 'Father of Heaven' (628)

Fourth Hymn: 'Be thou my guardian' (116)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'God beyond earths finest measures' (643)

Second Hymn: 'Oft in danger' (755)

Third Hymn: 'Lift up your hearts' (708)

 **PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER**

In our church diary we pray: For children preparing for admission to communion and all that led in our Children's ministry. For those baptised this month including Jacob, Freddie, Michael, Jasmine, Layla, John, Matilda & their parents & Godparents.

For members of our church family unable to join us in church today:
Jean Clifford, Joyce Grey, Maureen Howard, Maureen Hutton, Emma Hyden, Ruby Lambert, Ozzy Masters, Rita Stone.

For those who are ill or in need who have asked for our prayers: (list updated each 3 months)
Paul Armour, Anna Bradley, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Revd Peter Fisher, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Martin Moore, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:
Betty Fletcher, Malcolm Berry, Derek Rowell, Edward Blake, Neil Scott, Sarah Turnbull, Marion Sleeman, Betty Brown.

For those whose anniversary of death falls near this time, including:
John Howard, Bryan Turnbull.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 8th)
D Barnes & K Close (10.00 am Sun 8th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 8th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 12th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 8th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 8th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 12th)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 8th)
K Close (10.00 am Sun 8th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 8th)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from either:

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Beth Miller 07968034075

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

If there is immediate risk or danger, contact the police on 999.



Service of Light

A gentle evening service with music, hymns,
reading & sermon.

Sunday 1st March at 6.00 pm
Led by our Reader Ros Pickersgill and Simon Hardy.

Lent Course: "The Joy of the Gospel"

Wednesdays (starting 25th Feb), 7:00–8:30 p.m. Space4 Hub,
in the Space4 Hub. Exploring Christian joy through the lens of
Paula Gooder and Pope Francis. All are welcome to join.



Retreat Days at Brancepeth Castle

Claire's second retreat day is on Sat 21st March (*Creative Prayer*).

Cost: £40. Book at: community-of-the-well.uk or contact the office for help.



We are starting sessions to help children to prepare for
admission to communion this week.

If your child is interested, join us during Young Church!

Speak with our Young Church leaders or Ministry team for
more information.

Tyne & Wear
citizens

We have a number of planned community organising
events we want to encourage our congregation to consider
attending.

From Anger to Action: Effective Ministry in a Time of Fragmentation.

16th April, 10 am – 12 noon, Newcastle Cathedral.

Local Election Assemblies: Sunderland 23rd Apr 6-8pm

Introduction to Community Organising: Newcastle May 9th & 16th,
North Tyneside Sept 18th & 25th, Durham Nov 7th & 21st

Training details on handouts at the back of church.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Second Sunday in Lent / Gilpin Sunday (*John 3.1-17*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
6.00 pm Service of Light

Monday 2.30 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)
6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

Tuesday 1.15 pm 'Light' - Drop In Bereavement Group (The Hub, Newbottle St)

3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier)
Wednesday 7.00 pm 'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent course (The Hub, Newbottle St)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church)
6.00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)

Friday 9.30 am Stay & Play (Kepier Hall)
9.30 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)
2.00 pm Cake & Chat (Hub, Newbottle St)

Our 'Drop-in' is open at the Space4 Hub (Newbottle St) 10-1 Mon-Fri

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

8th March – Third Sunday in Lent (*John 4. 5 - 42*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
6.00 pm Choral Evensong

10th Mar 10.30 am Funeral of Betty Brown (in Church)

11th Mar 7.00 pm 'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent course (The Hub, Newbottle St)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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